News from the Town of Ulysses

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Good afternoon, Ulysses,

Read on for important information compiled for you from Town of Ulysses staff...

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TOWN OF ULYSSES NEWS:

Town and County Tax Deadline April 1, 2019

2019 Town and County taxes are due on April 1, 2019. Payments made on or before the 1st include a 2% + \$1 penalty. Payments can be made in person at Town Hall from 8am-4pm, online (fee applies, see link below), or postmarked on the 1st. Find your tax bill or make an online payment at http://www.ulysses.ny.us/departments/dept-clerk/clerk-tax/

Payments after April 1st should be sent to the Tompkins County Finance at 125 E. Court St., Ithaca and will be assessed a 5% penalty + 1% interest/month. Taxes unpaid for 3 years will be put on the foreclosure list. Please call Tompkins County Finance at 274-5545 for more information.

Copies of Tax Bill Receipts

Need a copy of your 2018 Town and County Tax bill receipt as you prepare your tax return? You can view and print your tax bill for the past several years at http://www.ulysses.ny.us/departments/dept-clerk/clerk-tax/

Water District 3 Customer info sought

In the case of a water leak, the town would need to contact a water customer ASAP. If you are a Ulysses Water District 3 customer, please send your phone number and e-mail address along with your next payment, or in an e-mail to clerk@ulysses.ny.us so that we may contact you quickly in a water emergency.

Access to Town Records

Most of the town's records are publicly available. By visiting the following link, you will find town budgets, minutes, local laws, oath of office books and more. View here: https://lfweb.tompkins-co.org/WebLink/?dbid=10.

TOMPKINS COUNTY:

Assessment Review

If you received a letter from the Tompkins County Assessment office regarding an increased assessment and disagree with the new value, please contact them at 279-5517 to set up an appointment before March 29, or send a letter or complete an appeal form at http://tompkinscountyny.gov/assessment/informal April 5, 2019.

Trails website

Visit https://ithacatrails.org/ to get outside and see what great trails Tompkins County has to offer.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day April 20th

Tompkins County Recycling and Solid Waste Center will hold a household hazardous was collection day on April 20th. Find out more and schedule a drop off time at https://recycletompkins.org/events/household-hazardous-waste-drop-off-event-4/

NEW YORK STATE:

Brush Burning Ban

Brush burning is in effect from March 16- May 14. Residential burning is regulated through the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC). For more information, visit https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html

NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program

Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 in Groton High School

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one Preparedness kit.

Further information visit http://www.dhses.ny.gov/aware-prepare/nysprepare/index.cfm

Fraud Alert: DHS Telephone Numbers Used in Scam to Obtain Personally Identifiable Information and Extort Money from Victims

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) is issuing this fraud alert to warn citizens of reports that DHS telephone numbers have been used recently as part of a telephone spoofing scam targeting individuals throughout the country. Spoofing is the deliberate falsifying of information transmitted to a caller ID display to disguise an identity.

The perpetrators of the scam represent themselves as employees with "U.S. Immigration" or other government entities. They alter caller ID systems to make it appear that the call is coming from the DHS HQ Operator number (202-282-8000) or the DHS Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) number (202-401-1474). The scammers obtain or verify personally identifiable information from their victims through various tactics, including by telling individuals that they are the victims of identity theft. The scammers also pose as law enforcement or immigration officials and threaten victims with arrest unless they make payments to the scammers using a variety of methods. The scammers have also emailed victims from email addresses ending in "uscis.org." Many of the scammers reportedly have pronounced accents.

DHS OIG takes this matter very seriously. While we investigate the situation, we would like to remind the public that DHS never uses its HQ Operator or CRCL number to make outgoing calls of this nature. Individuals receiving phone calls from these numbers should not provide any personal information. It continues to be perfectly safe to place calls to the DHS HQ Operator and CRCL numbers and DHS officials may continue to be contacted by dialing the DHS HQ Operator number.

Anyone who believes they may have been a victim of this telephone spoofing scam is urged to call the DHS OIG Hotline (1-800-323-8603) or file a complaint online via the DHS OIG website www.oig.dhs.gov. You may also contact the Federal Trade Commission to file a complaint and/or report identity theft

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Free Smoke Alarms

The American Red Cross is offering free smoke alarms to residents in need. E-mail smokealarms.st@redcross.org or call (607)785-7207 for more information.

Personal Savings Engine for Household Water Use

The National Rural Water Association has created an online tool to help households conserve water and save money. Take six minutes to fill out details about your water usage and get a personalized dashboard of savings tips at www.nrwa.aqkwa.com.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS: (All are open to the public and meet at the Town Hall) All town meetings are held at the town hall at 10 Elm St., Trumansburg, unless noted otherwise. For agendas and other meeting information, click on the event on the calendar here:

http://ulysses.ny.us/calendar/?category=Government

Forward this message to anyone else that you think would be interested. We'd love to connect with more residents. To send questions or comments, or be removed from this list, please e-mail clerk@ulysses.ny.us.

Best,

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